

Dear Editor,

If you don't have a rack for your M2 machine guns when you go to the field (as is often the case with the National Guard), you must secure them by running a chain through the barrel extension holes.

Unfortunately, the holes aren't always the same diameter, so it's a pain to find a chain that fits all of them.

But I made a locking plate that solves the problem. Simply slide the plate through the charging handle slot and run the chain through the plate's hole. The plate can also be used to secure M2s in the arms room.

Your support can fabricate the locking plate using these plans and two pieces of 5/16-in steel, one $6\,1/4\times3$ inches and the other $5\times1\,1/2$ inches.

